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Letter dated 13 August 1992 from the Chairman of the forty-fourth session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

At the request of members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, I have the honour to transmit to you the attached text which the Sub-Commission adopted without a vote at its 14th meeting, held on 13 August 1992.

(Signed): Miguel Alfonso Martínez
Chairman

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"The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, meeting at its forty-fourth session, noting the convening of the special session on the former Yugoslavia of the Commission on Human Rights, taking into account that the right to life and other fundamental human rights are being extensively violated in the former Yugoslavia and conscious that the protection of different ethnic and religious groups is at the core of the mandate of the Sub-Commission,

"Expresses its horror at and its total and unqualified condemnation of policies of so-called 'ethnic cleansing', which in the former Yugoslavia has generated vast displacements of people and large flows of refugees of the different ethnic groups, and in Bosnia and Herzegovina has affected, in particular, the Muslim population,

"Also expresses its deep concern at the existence of detention centres and allegations of serious human rights violations in those centres;

"Demands:

"(a) That steps be taken on an urgent basis to stop the massive violations of the right to life and other human rights;

"(b) That the policies and practices of so-called 'ethnic cleansing' be immediately brought to an end;

"(c) That displaced people be given the opportunity to return to their homes and that their safety be ensured;

"(d) That full reparation be made for losses suffered as a result of the displacement;

"(e) That those responsible for the commission of crimes against peace and humanity and for war crimes be brought to justice and that steps be taken as a matter of urgency to this end."